he only threw out this suggestion for what it might be worth and left it to the Government to decide what should be done in the circumstances.

Reply.—This does not fall within the province of the Popular Assembly, nor is there any necessity for the appointment of a commission of the kind suggested by the member.

154. Will the Dewan or the Financial Secretary explain whether in view of the excess of the State expenditure over receipts any steps have been taken to regulate the expenditure?

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker (Ampalapuzha), Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan (Pathanapuram), Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (Karunagapalli) and Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai B. A., B. L., (Nayar Samajam, Quilon), brought forward this question.

Reply.—This question cannot be allowed.

155. Regulation of State expenditure by discussion in the Legislative Council.

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker, (Ampalapuzha) suggested the desirability of discussing the measures to be adopted for the regulation of State expenditure in the Legislative Council.

Reply.—This will be considered when the existing rules for the conduct of business in the Legislative Council are revised.

VI. Sanitation and Vital Statistics.

156. Compulsory registration of vital statistics and the maintenance of vital statistics registers certified by the principal member of each village.

Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Iyer, B. A., B. L., (T. I. C., Trivandrum) said that the correct registration of births and deaths was indispensable for gauging the public health of towns and for knowing the effect of the various sanitary measures introduced. The cry all over was that this department was not properly administered and that the figures supplied were very inaccurate. Year after year Government had occasion to criticize the working of the present system and the member thought it would be impossible to have a correct list of births and deaths, so long as the people were not legally bound to supply information to the officers concerned. The President of the Town Improvement Committee of Trivandrum as well as the Sanitary Com-

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